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First Lady and SAGA Recognize the Juneau Community Foundation

On March 29, 2005, the new AmeriCorps members of the Southeast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA) were sworn in at the Governor's Mansion by First Lady Nancy Murkowski.

During the ceremony, the Juneau Community Foundation (JCF), the Machamer Charitable Fund, the Douglas Dornan Memorial Fund, and ConocoPhillips were recognized for their support of SAGA and its programs. JCF was recognized as a new charitable organization, which is also getting started with support from the Machamer Charitable Fund. JCF is a recently established charitable foundation that works with donors and other charitable organizations to help them leave bequests, set up funds, and invest their endowments to ensure long-term giving in our communities.

"We are pleased to be a part of this wonderful event and look forward to helping SAGA and other valuable local organizations in the future," JCF Board President, Reed Stoops, said. SAGA is dedicated to helping people make a connection between what they learn and how they live, and the forty AmeriCorps members will serve either SAGA's Serve Alaska Youth Corps (SAYC) or the Young Alaskans Building Affordable Housing (YABAH) programs.

With support and cooperation from the community and other nonprofits, such as SAGA, the Juneau Community Foundation plans to enhance and grow the philanthropic possibilities and donors in Juneau and Southeast Alaska.

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